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Post-Mortem on NIE 63.1-3-55:

Probable Developments in South Vietnam to July 1956,

dated 11 October 1955

I. Findings

In the preparation of this estimate the Board of National Estimates and the IAC representatives found that there continue to be serious intelligence deficiencies with respect to Viet Minh capabilities and intentions. In particular, there is little reliable information concerning: the size and most important areas of concentration of Viet Minh political and military cadres in South Vietnam; the extent of Viet Minh political influence in rural and urban areas; and the extent to which the Viet Minh may have infiltrated or have reached understanding with non-Communist opposition groups in South Vietnam, especially the sect groups remaining in dissidence.

II. Action

The IAC agencies are requested to intensify their collection efforts to close the serious gaps cited above.

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